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Mr. Sam Richards
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Dear Mr. Richards:

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, sent via e-mail to the BSEEOFIA mailbox, and dated March 26, 2019. Your request has been forwarded to our office for research and response. You have asked for records relating to inspections of offshore wells from 2017 to the present. We have assigned your request number 2019-00128; please reference this number on any correspondence concerning your request.

At this time, we are seeking clarification from you on your request for document related to "well inspections". Inspections are conducted on well operations and production operations. The inspections take place on offshore facilities, either platforms, rigs, or non-rig units. At your earliest convenience, please clarify, in writing, what type of inspection documentation you are requesting. Your response can be sent via e-mail to me directly. In accordance with 43 CFR §2.18, we will not begin processing your request until we receive written notification from you in response to this letter. If we do not hear from you within 20 workdays of the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this matter and will close the file on your request.

You may file an appeal of the delay in responding to your FOIA request any time. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

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Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at karen.miller@bsee.gov or by telephone at (504) 736-2964.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Miller
Freedom of Information Act Officer